

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application, as amended, and consideration of the following remarks. Claims 15, 22-24, 29-30, and 32 have been amended. Claims 1-14 and 38 have been canceled. Claims 15-37 and 39-40 remain pending. Claims 15-18, 24, 27, 31, 32, 35 and 36 stand rejected as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). Claims 19, 20, 22, 25, 26, 29, 33, 34, 38 and 39 stand rejected as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 23, 30 and 40 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant thanks the Examiner for identifying the allowable subject matter of claims 23, 30 and 40. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections under 35 USC 102(e) and 103(a), however to expedite prosecution, Applicant has amended independent claims 15, 24 and 32, as suggested by the examiner, to substantially include the limitations of claims 23, 30 and 40, respectively. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute claims of the substantially similar scope as claims 15, 24 and 32, as originally filed.

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Applicant thanks the Examiner for his time in reviewing the proposed amendments and discussing them with Applicant's representative. As stated above, Applicant believes that the amendments submitted herein are allowable over the cited references for at least the same reasons as stated by the Examiner.

Amendments

Amendments to the Claims

Applicant has amended the claims to more particularly point out what Applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, an alarm clock including an alarm clock controller electrically connected to an electrical power source, at least one electrical connector electrically coupled to the alarm clock controller, at least one sensor operable to detect a presence of a user, logic for monitoring the at least one sensor, and logic for recording a time between an activation of the at least one

electrical connector and a detected absence of the user. The alarm clock also includes logic for adjusting an activation time of the at least one electrical connector, wherein said alarm clock controller includes a circuit operable to switch electricity on and off to the at least one electrical connector. The alarm clock also includes logic to adjust the activation time based on a function of the recorded time. No new matter has been added as a result of these amendments.

Rejections

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and 103(a)

Claims 15-18, 24, 27, 31, 32, 35 and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mollicone et al., US 6,888,779 (hereafter the Mollicone reference). Claims 19, 20, 22, 25, 26, 29, 33, 34, 38, and 39 stand rejected as being unpatentable over the Mollicone reference in view of US Pat. 5,948,303 by Larson (hereafter the Larson reference), under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections as being moot in view of the amendments to claims 15, 24 and 32 submitted herein. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's invention as claimed in claims 15, 24, and 32 and the claims that depend therefrom are patentably distinct over the Mollicone reference, and respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and 103(a).